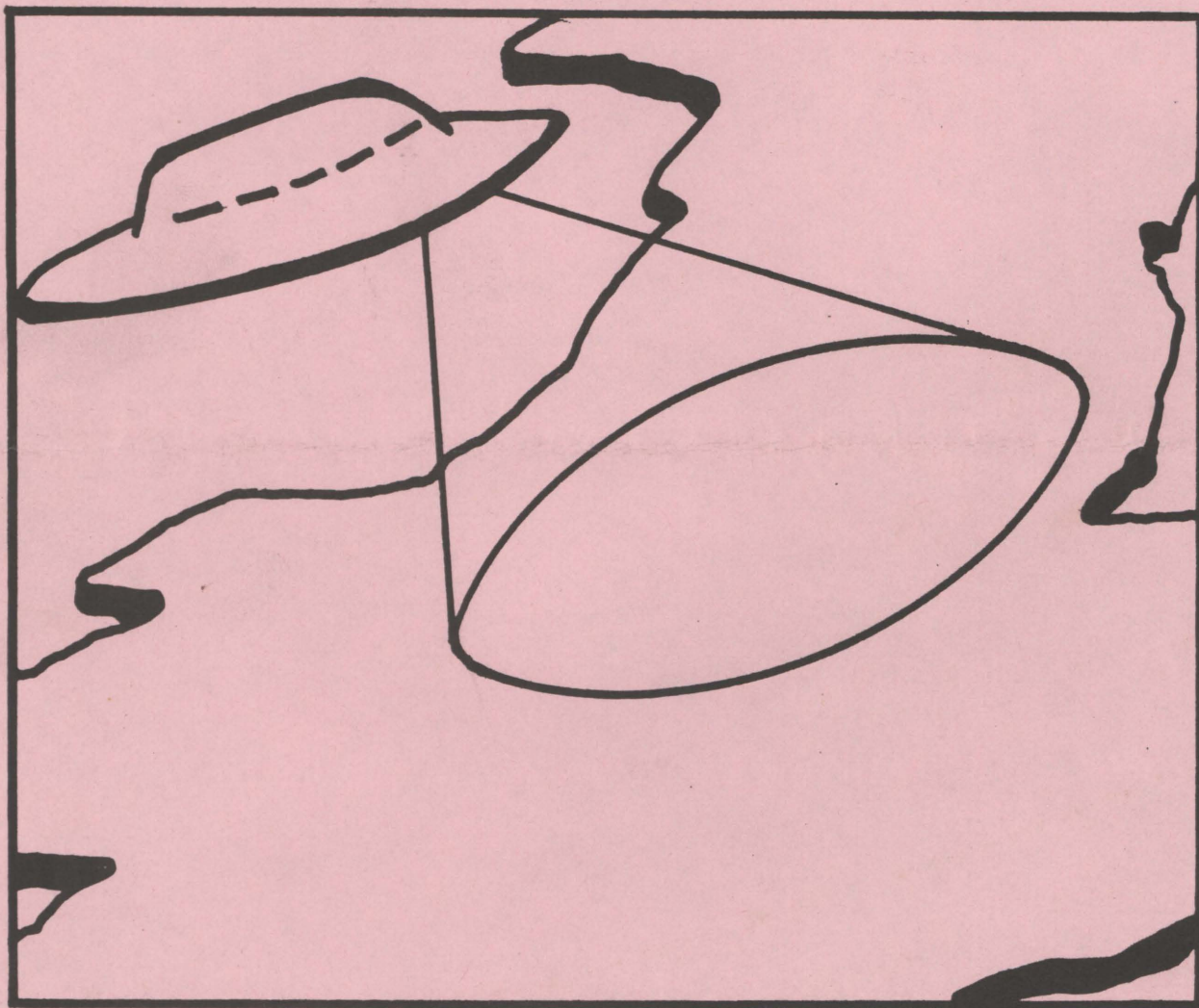


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EDITORIAL: 'The Spacemen have landed! - At your local cinema NOW '

"Close Encounters of the third kind" has arrived - as if we didn't all know it! Hot on the heels of box office smash 'Star Wars' the film attracts the same kind of audience, but little do the sci-fi addicts know what is in store when they pay for their tickets to see Spielbergs epic. For here is no souped-up comic strip. Here is a human drama and a encapsulation of a truly cosmic experience. CLOSE ENCOUNTERS transcends the cinema. It goes beyond being just a film. It will undoubtedly become a cult - however justified or unjustified that may be.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS is good, exalting, awe inspiring and other such creditable virtues. It is also realistic, spanning the spectrum of ufology to present just the confusing mish-mash of enigmas that we face. Yet it is fiction, purposely exaggerated to sell tickets. One cannot read into it any great truth about UFOs. That we must never forget.

What concerns me most about CLOSE ENCOUNTERS is the associated effects. Suddenly ufology has emerged from the doldrums and has become interesting again. The media have gone mad, overplaying the subject without doubt. For the next six months or so there will hardly be a soul in the UK not talking UFOs. Of course, most of them will not have an inkling what it is all really about. Spoonfed on the 'friendly spacemen' innuendoes the media read into the film the conviction that UFOs ARE flying saucers ARE spaceships will be emphasised a thousand times over. No doubt the manipulators of this crazy phenomenon are revelling in this. To them the £17 price tag was worth every penny - even if it was Columbia who had to pay it!

It is a pity that this has had to happen now, just as ufologists are beginning to grasp the complexities of this mystery, but it leaves the burden on you, the ufologist, all the greater. Our job must be to try to correct misconceptions and present the public with the reality that lies behind the Hollywood tinsel and gloss. That is why we have prepared CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE NORTHERN KIND (* See below). To help you to reach the public. You must do all you can to ride the wave, by exhibiting at cinemas, appearing on radio and TV, holding local lectures. The chance will not come again and the interests will soon switch away from UFOs.

I think the current situation was well summed up for me one day recently. ~~was in~~ ^{was in} across Manchester from the ITV studios, where I had met a producer about a programme, to the BBC, to discuss a similar CE 3 generated programme, I passed the cinema where the film had just opened. It seemed like everyone in Manchester who could walk, or even crawl, was queing to see it. Every other person I passed was talking about it, "Its supposed to be amazing", "The effects are superb". No one was talking UFOs. Everyone was talking film. I stood awhile and watched the melee then one small girl with her father passed by. Her words seemed to say it all. "Daddy - What's a close encounter?"..... What indeed!

 * NUFON has published a 16 page review of ufology in the region: CLOSE *
 * ENCOUNTERS OF THE NORTHERN KIND - 40p from the editor. This is to help you to *
 * cope with current publicity. You can have as many copies as you wish for 20p *
 * each. Remaining profit to your group. All group addresses are given. *
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Its nice to record that ufology in Scotland is beginning to take off with the welcome support of Alan and Trisha Price from Roxburghshire and Paul Murray from Lanarkshire. There is good news too from the BUFORA YORKSHIRE team. Trevor Whitaker tells me that his long period of extra work outside of ufology is at an end and the group is once more beginning to function as an active entity. So we should be hearing more from them soon. HAPI report some good publicity in a local magazine, which they kindly sent yo me and looked very good indeed. MUFORA have been into a similar thing with New Manchester Review featuring an article on Jenny Randles and Peter Warrington's new classification system. Kathy Preston of PULSE has asked me to mention that PULSAR is really being pushed in a big way. 2500 copies of the most recent (very professional) issue were printed. She offers these to anyone who wants to resell them at group functions for 5p discount. One sad thing to have to relate concerns UFOSIS the West Midlands group. Following Gary Lanham's recent demise from the ufo scene the other founder Philip Rogers has left owing to pressures of work and general lack of interest. However, Margaret and Geoff Westwood continue the group and the new address for all UFOSIS correspondence is:-
71 Wentworth Way Harborne Birmingham TEL: 021- 427- 6914

Another address change to note concerns my WUFOS colleague Brian Fishwick, who has been very active in recent months. His new address is:-
133 Hinckley Rd St Helens Merseyside WA11 9JX

As if that were not all I will be moving myself shortly - returning closer to the heart of WUFOS at Wallasey in Merseyside. But I'll keep my new address until next month!

Finally thanks, to Bryan Hartley for supplying the complete list of countries that the NUN goes to. It suprised me and ought to make you all feel quite proud. It includes 13 from Eurpoe, 5 from South America, 2 from North America, 5 from Asia 3 from Australasia and 2 from South Africa. Also UBSR and 20 USA States!

Readers who have been with us for sometime will realise that we are fast approaching quite a celebration point in NUFON history. The 50th issue of this publication is due in July 1978. Not many magazines - especially not monthly ones - survive in this field so long, and the achievement is all due to yourselves. For you are NUFON. Without constant supplies of investigation work this magazine could not exist. Still - we thought it might be nice to do something special to tie in with this event. Perhaps a dinner - or at least some special features in the NUN itself. We would like to hear your ideas please.

September, incidentally, also sees the 5 year anniversary of the birth of MAPIT - which was the starting point for NUFON. MAPIT, organised by David Rees, still goes strong as an active participant of the 'Network'.

UP AND COMING EVENTS:

APRIL 15 & 16 UFO Conference held by BUFORA at the George Hotel, Nottingham Papers by Dr Richard Haines amongst others. Cost £6.75 for weekend, cheaper day rates available. Tickets Newchapel Observatory, Newchapel, Staffs

MAY 6 Grand opening of SHEFFIELD SPACE CENTRE at 485 London Rd Sheffield. 11am opening by internationally known artist David Hardy. The Centre will stock, books, slides, tapes, posters on UFOs, Astronomy, Space, Science Fiction etc Peter Mammerton, the director, invites any interested NUFON members along.

MAY 20 & 21 'First' (SIC) British UFO Conference staged by UFO INFO at the Portway Hotel, Frome, Somerset. Fee £7.50 or £24 including accomodation and meals. No deatils of programme except the film 'Project Blue Book' is to be shown. Tickets: Portway Hotel, Frome, Somerset, Tel: Frome 3508

JUNE 24 NUFON Conference "UFOs: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS" several talks, plus illustrated lecture on UFOs and sci-fi films by Philip Jenkinson of BBC TV fame. Fee will be about £1 for day: Nigel Watson at 1 Angerstein Rd Scunthorpe DN17 2LZ

MEDIA NEWS

The media has suddenly woken up to the fact that UFOs are around! The last few weeks - spurred on by the film CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND- has seen a relevant article or programme almost every day. BBC TV featured two CE3s and a very brief interview with Charles Bowen of FSR on the day of the Premier, March 13. On March 17 a quick rehash of old ufo films (rather stupidly saying that the well known film of a fireball in the USA was accepted as a genuine UFO by most researchers!). Geoff Westwood of UFOSIS related his personal sighting of some years back and UFOIN investigator Randall Jones*Pugh commented. Randall was featured in a much better programme on the night of the press preview of the film - March 3. This 20 minute feature was unfortunately only seen in parts of the UK (Randall did not see it himself) - but it was a straightforward account with some credible witness interviews and Patrick Moore finally being made to look the uninitiate he really is with regards to UFOs! At the present Jenny Randles and Peter Warrington are working with Granada TV on a 30 minute documentary to be screened in April. This will highlight some of the most recent NUFON evidence - but more of that next month! It is presently expected to be screened at 10.30 on April 14. The press have been equally active. The Express series generated a phenomenal amount of interest, and although their estimate of 6500 letters was somewhat excessive (actually about 2000) there were still hundreds of close encounter cases which are currently being distributed for investigation. The Sun series gave good promotion to NUFON and brought about 300 letters to us. All of this is involving us in considerable work for the foreseeable future. On March 19 writer Ian Ridpath wrote a rather unusual article in the Sunday Times accusing ufologists of covering up the lack of evidence. Despite somewhat extreme views the article was of interest for its constructive criticism of ufo workers - perhaps a sign of things to come - we hope! Then on March 29 the Daily Mirror carried an interview with Jenny Randles and a publicity review of Close Encounters of the Northern Kind - referring to the Frødsham CE3 and titling the piece Close Encounter of a Moc - ving kind, because of the cows in this case! (phew...) With many local newspapers featuring series on UFOs, including the Warrington Guardian with articles on John Longhorn of CONTACT (and a NUFON associate for many years), TRACE from Winsford and Jenny Randles and Ron Sergeant from Irlam, it's been a case of UFOs becoming the hot news of the day.

AROUND THE GROUPS ... 6) CUFORT

The history of the Congleton UFO Research Team (CUFORT) is typical of many small ufo groups - formed at the time of high interest in UFOs following a major UK wave. The group began in August 1977 with two people interested in UFOs in the town, David Berisford and Michael Cottrell. Membership has now grown to 5.

CUFORT aim to investigate the phenomenon with open and unbiased minds, and when and where this is possible promote the public's interests in the subject. Overall a continuous programme of objective research is to be undertaken.

As there are several other local groups in the area an active liaison programme with these has been undertaken and the group hopes soon to publish its first newsletter.

Meetings are held at the research coordination address; Thursdays 7pm

8 Barton Rd Congleton Cheshire CW12 3HB (Secretarial)

23 High-Lowe Avenue Congleton Cheshire (Research Coordination Address)

Tel: John Redfern at Congleton 2672

WE HAVE JUST ONE MORE BIOGRAPHY TO USE (UAPROLS) SO LET'S HAVE SOME MORE PLEASE!

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INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

UFO TURNS TRANSPARENT SUFORS: 6305

Humber Estuary Summer 1963

Edward Watson was shooting on the banks of the Humber River, North Humberside. Having just taken his eyes from the sights he observed a strange object which hovered some 500 feet above a moored ship and about $\frac{1}{3}$ mile out in the river. He called the attention of others nearby and they all watched as it moved away accelerating at a fantastic rate and climbing upwards. It was in view some moments until over Brough, further along the river, at a height of 4000 feet. When first seen it was circular with a dome on top and about 40 feet in circumference. It seemed to have a row of windows around the centre. It shone bright silver, but as it accelerated it appeared to TURN TRANSPARENT before disappearing!!

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Unknown 1970

Hull Bridge, Nth Humber

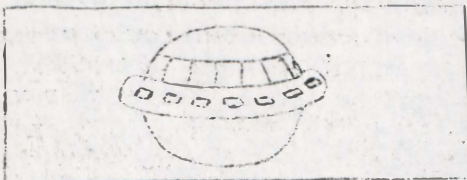
MED D SUFORS (S3)

Female witness reported a whitish star which when viewed through binoculars appeared like a domed disc with four portholes the size of a dinner plate. It was observed for some 45 minutes before it 'went away' and appeared the size of a star for an undetermined period afterwards. Sighting time before dusk.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH SPINNING TOP UFO

WUFOS: 7125 Wigan, Gt MCr Sept 1971

There was, of course, a major flap of UFOs in Britain during August and September 1971. This case, just brought to light, is yet another significant event from that time. At 20.15 Mrs Rigby had opened her front door and was waiting for her children to come out. It was a clear night and when she first saw the red ball rising from behind bungalows she thought it was the sun (which had set). Then she considered an aircraft, but quickly realised this was not so. It resolved into a round ball of silvery metal with a collar like a lifebelt round the middle



This was white and had square lights in it. These flashed red at first, giving the overall red impression. The collar was rotating anti-clockwise. It then reversed in direction and the lights changed to flashing white, illuminating the object more clearly and showing a row of square windows above the collar. This reversal coincided with the colour change and took place a couple of more times during the sighting. Mrs Rigby had rushed indoors to find a camera, but one she had had been moved by her husband (who was out). Yet again coincident circumstances seem to have combined to prevent a good quality photograph! However, she turned out the hall light and her two children and herself watched for 20 minutes as the object first hovered and then moved slowly overhead. It passed over at the height of two poplar trees. Indeed Mrs Rigby says 'if I had thrown a ball at it I would surely have hit it'. At no time did it make any sound and it was the apparent size of a full sized book at arms length when it passed overhead. She looked around for other cooperative witnesses, but the road was quiet. However, she called on her uncle and he was able to confirm it moving away into the distance.

ENTITY SIGHTING FROM REDDISH VALE

MAPIT: 76/150 Reddish, Gt MCr Aug 1976

This case is to be featured in more detail in FSR shortly.

Three young children, who have remained anonymous because they are afraid people will not believe them and have only told their parents and investigators, were playing hide and seek by Reddish Vale golf club and the Fir Tree School. It was daylight during their summer school holidays. The girl had left two boys to play whilst she went to a nearby shed to make herself a drink of orange. The boys saw a pair of eyes gazing from undergrowth as a flash of light and a crackling noise made them turn round. They belonged to a figure in a silver suit with a short grey beard and yellow hair. The eyes were slanted. The figure seemed to float SIX INCHES ABOVE THE GROUND. Then he just vanished. He reappeared by the shed and the girl screamed. Here he unhooked a small square shovel from a belt round his waist

ENTITY SIGHTING FROM REDDISH VALE Cont...

and started digging up pieces of soil and putting them in plastic bags. Then he vanished again! He reappeared once more briefly in a different spot taking soil samples and then there was another flash and a gust of wind. This time the three children saw a silver grey object with a small dome on top shoot across the sky over the school. Nothing further happened. The incident bears some similarity to the 1977 South Wales incidents, involves children (a feature of the 1977 UK flap) and the entity is quite similar to the ones reported by Joyce Bowles and Ted Pratt in November 1976.

77/249 October 3 1977 Crewe, Cheshire (18.10) LOW A FUFOR (S2)

OS Ref 118 - 693548 Witness asked to go out to see light. Did not see it at first then saw it appear (same spot as other witness had seen it before) 070 at 20 degree elevation a brilliant yellowish light appeared for a few seconds, hovered then faded. Presumably could have been a flare of some kind.

77/250 October 4 1977 Balterley Heath, Cheshire (20.30) MED A FUFOR (S3)

Mr Prince driving with a Mr German spotted an orange ball surrounded by haze about six feet above a field with a reservoir and pumping station in it. The car was stopped and the object seen to accelerate away southwards very fast. It was in view 30 seconds. OS Ref 118 - 746507. MR GERMAN SAW NOTHING AT ALL!! FUFOR investigated site but found nothing strange despite a comprehensive analysis of soil and cattle excreta. They were then chased off the land by the irate farmers wife - although she had previously given permission for the site investigation.

77/251 November 8 1977 Sydney, Cheshire (19.36) LOW A FUFOR (S2)

There were six witnesses in a crowd outside the Sydney Arms watching a light behind trees to the NE, elevation 30 degrees. OS Ref 118 - 721562. Object seen for 2/3 minutes. Not seen leaving the area. Descriptions differ somewhat, but basically a white light with perhaps a steady red light underneath. Performed basic semi-circular motions, but somewhat erratic. One witness says it was silent others say they heard a bleeping sound.

77/252 November 16 1977 Bangor-Y-Coed, Clwyd (07.43) MED B FUFOR (S3)

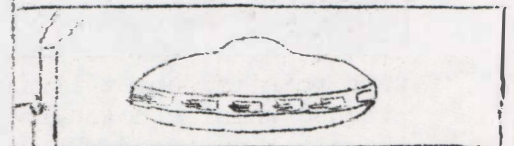
Mr Williams was driving to work from Wrexham to Nantwich when he spotted a white rugby ball in the NE at 45 degrees elevation. It was the apparent size of a tennis ball at arms length. It seemed stationary for some minutes. Then he saw it again further along but ended on this time. It appeared to come closer and then just vanished like a TV picture being switched off.

77/253 June 9 1977 Cottingley, W, Yorks (11.10) MED C Paul Bennet (S3)

Cottingley is famous for the photographs of fairies taken earlier this century. Now it sports a ufo sighting. Mr Goodinson saw the fuzzy white ball three times low and quite close. It moved steadily in opposite directions and vanished quite instantly in between observations. Total duration 10 minutes. Three other witnesses

UFO OVER POWER STATION UFOIN: 77/254 Newbiggin by Sea, Northumbria Jul 1977

Our thanks to Alan and Trisha Price of the New Scottish group for their help on this event, at the end of the July 77 NE England flap. A more detailed report will be featured in FSR. Witness with dog was on Lyne Sands at 21.30 collecting sea coal when he spotted a grey object like two saucers stuck together with small dome and row of portholes with red flame coming from them. Dog pricked up ears and watched too as UFO silently approached to within 30 yards then retreated and seemed to land behind sand dunes. In fright witness left scene but returned two days later finding no traces of the UFO.



Colin Brewer first spotted the orange sea shell in the W moving NW. It was larger than a 10p piece at arms length and had a corona like glow around it which lit up the sky. It was first seen over the open mossland to the north of Irlam and



after watching for about two minutes he called his wife to confirm it. She saw it too then left to look after her autistic daughter. Mr Brewer saw it further and watched it make a sharp turn to the N and descend, getting

smaller all the time. It was seen all told 5 minutes and made no sound. Elevation was between 20 and 30 degrees and it appeared to be quite close on first sight. Jenny Randles lives on the edge of the mossland and much closer to where the object supposedly was. She has a large picture window facing that direction and was in both nights November 13 and 20th (it was one of these). Nobody else saw it.

77/256 October 19 1977 Pewfall, Merseyside (23.20) MED C WUFOS (S3)

Object first seen stationary in S by two occupants of car. Brilliant magnesium white glow from sides of triangular object but dark on top. Hovered for some minutes but as the car turned at lights it seemed to pace car moving SW and descended slightly. After a minute or so it veered away and accelerated out of sight within two or three seconds. Apparent size was that of a 10p at arms length.

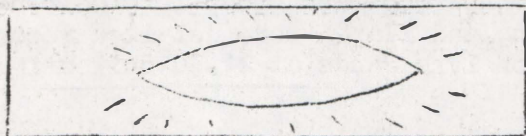


AUTUMN FLAP NORTH OF THE BORDER Researched by Ian Cresswell

In October 1977 there was a flap of sightings in NW England. Out of these came the Warton sightings, including the tape recording of a UFO by Kevin Preston. Ian Cresswell has now uncovered coincident activity in Scotland, although all of relatively low strangeness. The most publicised sighting occurred on October 12th - the very day of the Warton GE1. (Report 77/257). It appears to have been a silver white light (although one witness describes it as a triangle) which came from the east and was seen over Lanarkshire especially over a period of at least six hours. It sounds like a weather balloon. At 21.15 on October 22 (Report 77/258) witnesses in the Glasgow/Cumbernauld district saw a white bell shaped light moving E*W at a height of about 200 feet and a slow speed (30 mph estimated). It caused considerable fright in one female witness. These stories seem to be independantly cooberative and hopefully Ian will pursue this one. On October 31 1977 at midnight an orange ball of fire was seen travelling across the sky over Comrie, Perthshire (Report 77/259). This could have been a meteor. Finally on November 4, another high incidence date, there was a sighting at Port Ellen, Islay at 23.00 (Report 77/260). The object here was described as looking like a walking stick.

77/261 December 10 1977 Warrington, Cheshire (23.30) MED B MUFORA (S4)

It was a clear night and Mr and Mrs G had left their relatives with their adult daughter to return home. Over Crossfields factory they saw a strange sight and stopped the car to have a better look. It was a gigantic rugby ball glowing



brilliant white and at least as big as a real rugby ball at arms length. It was in the SE at 45 degree elevation and although the streets were quiet at that time of night a man and a woman

were pointing up at it. Winding the car windows down they heard it emit a high pitched whining noise. They stared on dumbfounded for almost ten minutes and then it made two jerks (quite 'asthough it were finding it difficult to start') then accelerated away at a terrific speed SW, climbing as it went. This jerky start is a strangely common feature of these cigar shaped ufo encounters.

7814 Mid January 1978 St Helens, Merseyside (18.25) GE1 An C WUFOS (S5)

During the power cuts when all the lights were out in this part of Merseyside Mr Atherton took his dog for a walk. It was dark as he walked up the avenue past some small boys playing football. Suddenly a light red glow filled the avenue. He looked up and was amazed to see a red ball with fuzzy edges moving W-E. It was the apparent size of a 2p piece at arms length. The boys looked up and the dog sat down and stared up at the object. The object had now elongated into an oval with an orange centre and two white flames from either end underneath. It moved slowly across the sky passing out of view behind houses after about 20 seconds. It remained totally silent and the witness admitted to being very frightened.

7815 January 17 1978 Lancaster, Lancashire (19.10) LOW C Ian Cresswell (S2)

Suzanne Stewart and her mother watched a series of lights flashing red/green and occasionally blue. They were stationary for several minutes at roof top height. Witnesses did not see them disappear.

7816 January 14 1978 Hinckley, Leicestershire (17.30) LOW B HAPI (S4)

Three people in a car spotted three lights in triangular formation, one orange and a green and red light underneath. They got out of the car and watched the lights hovering directly overhead for a minute. They then glowed brighter and made a swishing noise before moving off to the south. They saw the lights again hovering a few moments later, but this time drove past. Could this have been a helicopter?

7817 January 19 1978 Higham, Warwickshire (20.00) MED D HAPI (S1)

Three teenage boys rang the group to tell of a blue triangle that was hovering over the village and shimmering as if giving off tremendous heat. It then shot away west towards Atherstone. HAPI were unable to obtain their names and cannot rule out the possibility that this was in fact a hoax.

MULTI WITNESS EVENT FROM LEICESTERSHIRE HAPI: 7818 January 24 1978

Between 18.35 and 20.07 many people in the county reported seeing a strange lighted object. Most people saw it maneuvering over Burbage Common in the Hinckley area. The first sighting was of a red flare that turned at right angles after stopping still in the sky. Around 19.30 there were several reports, one viewed through binoculars of a black rectangle with an orange light on one side and a green light on the other. The bulk, however, came between 19.50 and 20.05 when a red object described as like a mushroom or a rugby ball was seen moving backwards and forwards and sometimes hovering. The strangest sighting was of a mass of red lights in a circle, with a gap in the middle which hovered in the N and then moved off slowly W.

7819 January 30 1977 Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria (19.30) LOW C Ian Cresswell (S3)

A man and his girlfriend returning from a day out in the Lake District saw a big blue star in the sky. It flashed red and green alternately. They watched it for ten minutes. It remained silent.

ATTEMPTED PHOTOGRAPHS OF CLOUD-LIKE UFOs WUFOS: 7820/7821 January 31 1978

At 4.40pm Mrs Fletcher and another witness at Upton by Chester, Cheshire saw two elliptical objects in break between clouds. They moved in the same direction as the clouds but slower and reflected colours in the setting sun. Two photos were taken but these failed to show anything of value. Meanwhile in Parr, Merseyside Mr Mower was watching them independently. They took 16 minutes to drift over slowly NW towards Liverpool. They were large and coloured orange and were almost certainly high clouds.

Miss Whitehurst an elderly eraly riser observed a brilliant white ball of light low down over the valley. It moved gracefully and then reversed its tracks for a short distance before travelling slowly out of sight past a row of bugalows. It made no sound and she felt certain it was intelligently controlled.

It is interesting to notice how ufo phenomena correspond in time. This is of course one of the chief advantages of NUFON, because it enables these flaps to be detected rapidly. The CE3 which closes this issue has no UFO sighting in direct connection - but every other case we have so far for March was within a few hours of its occurrence. This seems to hardly be a coincidence.

7823 March 17 1978 Wishaw, Lanarkshire (21.30) MED A Paul Murray

Our thanks to a newcomer to the network for his work on these cases. They involve seven witnesses all told to an object with reddish lights on. One woman describes it as looking like two golden ovals together. Three twelve year old girls had a much closer encounter with the object. They saw two lights spilt up as a huge dark object descended to within 30 feet. This was cigar shaped and surrounded by flashing red, green and blue lights. The UFO shot straight up into the sky with tremendous speed but no sound. The girls returned home hysterical. Glasgow Airport (some 23 miles away) claimed that there were no aircraft in the vicinity.

7824 March 17 1978 Derwent, Durham (19.20) LOW D Ian Cresswell

Two teenage men observed a strange light hovering over the reservoir for half an hour. It was pulsating, kept dimming and brightening and reappearing at a higher altitude. At one stage it disgorged a smaller light, which went back into the main light at a later time. Local airports had no explanation. It is possible that this sighting took place the next night (18th) which would tie it in more closely with the reports to follow. This will be confirmed.

7826 March 18 1978 Buxton, Derbyshire (18.35) LOW C MUFORA (S3)

A young married couple observed a strange ball of golden light slightly larger than a penny at arms length. It was first seen in the SE at elevation 90 degrees and moved slowly over the course of about 40 minutes to the west. The wife went back indoors but the husband continued to observe from several different vantage points and saw the light grow in brilliance and then drop down slowly behind the hillsides into a slight dip, apparently at some distance away.

7827 March 18 1978 Heaton Mersey, Gt Mcr (19.30) LOW D MUFORA (S2)

What may be a cooperative report, yet to be investigated, comes from a Miss Goodwin in this suburb of Stockport. She says that she saw a yellowish light moving slowly along which just vanished suddenly.

ANOTHER ENTITY SIGHTING IN THE MERSEY VALLEY:: 7825: MUFORA March 17 1978

Following the January 2 CE3 at Rainford, Merseyside (Feb NUN), the Frodsham CE 3 from January 27 (see Mar NUN), and the flap of general ufo encounters in the area the national press had a field day on Sunday March 19 following the encounter of service engineer Ken Edwards at 23.30

on Friday, March 17. Driving home along a lonely road near the University Atomic reactor he picked up a strange figure in his headlight glare. He stopped

One of Ken Edwards drawings of the figure.



ped the van and watched as it walked across in front of him, climbing down an embankment, stopping to look at him for several minutes and then climbing up an embankment and WALKING THROUGH A FENCE (ten feet high with barbed wire on top!!) The figure was seven feet tall in a silvery suit and had flexible limbs (Rather like the aliens in the film!!!). It walked stiffly and had two beams of light from its eyes. A complete investigation of this case is underway by UFOIN, for FSR